

McCULLY/MO'ILI'ILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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<u>DRAFT</u> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015 WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was **established with 13 members present.** Note: this 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Antonia Agbannawag, Bryan Choe, Tamara Edwards, Juanita Kawamoto, Klement Kondratovich, Ron Lockwood, Larie Manutai, David Nash, Timothy Streitz, Thomas Tomita, Raytan Vares, Masahisa Yamaguchi, and Emmanuel Zibakalam.

Board Members Absent: Marijane Carlos and Jay Yano.

<u>Guests</u>: Captain Kahekili Kealoha (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Raymond Lurbe (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Carolee Kubo (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Chelsea Okamoto (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office); Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office); Senator Les Ihara Jr.; Larke A. Gulaski; Janet Inamine; Bob Kern; Clifton Takamura; Les Yamashita; Kathy Uehara; videographer (DVDmodo); and Jordan Ozaki (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Rules: At this time, Chair Lockwood read the Board rules as stated on the agenda.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: There were no vacancies on the Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Kahekili Kealoha reported the following:

- <u>September 2015 Fire Statistics</u>: There was 1 structural, 2 rubbish, and 0 vehicle fire(s). There were 58 medical, 3 search and rescues, and 53 miscellaneous emergency calls.
- <u>Halloween Safety</u>: Avoid trailing fabric, and provide adequate eye holes and non-flammable material for Halloween costumes. Parents should provide their children with a flashlight. Take extreme caution when using candles for jack-o-lanterns.
- Cause of Fire: The cause of the 2323 Lime Street fire is undetermined at this time.

Honolulu Police Department (District 1): Sergeant Raymond Lurbe reported the following:

- <u>September 2015 Statistics</u>: There was 1 motor vehicle theft, 4 burglaries, 13 thefts, 17 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), 4 assaults, 0 sex assaults, 0 graffiti, 1 drugs, and 440 total calls for service.
- <u>Halloween Safety</u>: Children should be accompanied by an adult. Parents should check children's candy before consumption and report any suspicious candy to HPD.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Cyclist Laws</u>: Nash reported incidents of cyclist citations, and asked for clarification of cyclist laws. Sergeant Lurbe reported that riding on sidewalks in business areas is prohibited. Nash noted Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) had stated they wanted to meet with HPD to clarify area laws.

<u>Honolulu Police Department (District 7)</u>: Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane reported the following:

- <u>September 2015 Statistics</u>: There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 17 burglaries, 32 thefts, and 21 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,526 total calls for service.
- <u>Smart911</u>: With cell phones giving emergency responders limited information, Smart911 gives residents the opportunity to create a safety profile to assist first responders in the event of an emergency. It is a free service that is useful in the event that a person calls 911, but is unable to provide any other information. Visit www.smart911.com to create a safety profile that is associated with your phone.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Smart911 Discussion</u>: Agbannawag asked and Lieutenant Sukekane noted that information from residents registered on Smart911 is dispatched to an officer's computer when an emergency call is received. The information is automatically deleted after 45 minutes. Streitz asked and Lieutenant Sukekane answered that HPD would have to petition cellular carriers in order to access the billing address of the caller, and that is only done in extreme circumstances. A resident asked about 911 system upgrades and Lieutenant Sukekane noted that HPD only sees the name of the caller and carrier of 911 callers. Resident Clifton Takamura asked and Lieutenant Sukekane noted that if the caller indicates that medical attention is needed, HPD will request medical assistance. Smart911 helps to identify potential medical conditions. Vares asked and Lieutenant Sukekane replied that about 1500 people have signed up for Smart911.
- 2. <u>Cyclist Laws</u>: Nash asked for a clarification of "business district" as it relates to cycling laws. Lieutenant Sukekane noted the Waikiki and Downtown areas, and noted he will follow up with specifics. Lieutenant Sukekane reported he was unaware of any operations targeting cyclists.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

<u>Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative</u>: Director Carolee Kubo of the City Department of Human Resources (DHR) reported the following:

- <u>Cleanups</u>: There will be a bike path cleanup at the Neal S. Blaisdell Park on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
 JTB Hawaii is sponsoring a Waikiki cleanup on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Call 343-0859 for more information.
- <u>King Street Cycle Track</u>: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) takes physical counts of bicyclists on the track. The entire public right-of-way, including sidewalks, is examined during the 12 hour counts. In addition, tube counters are used to automatically count the number of cyclists using the protected bike lane. For further details, visit <u>www.honolulu.gov/bicycle/kingcycletrack</u> or contact Chris Sayers, City Bicycle Coordinator, at 768-8335.
- Beretania Street Update: There will be a 42-inch main installed along a portion of South Beretania Street from Liliha Street to Richards Street, which is outside the repaving project. The contractor encountered several shallow utilities, therefore the City decided to revise the proposed rehabilitation of Beretania Street and instead do a 2-inch mill and fill. The City is currently in final negotiations with the contractor, Road and Highway Builders, for the revised plan. Construction is estimated to start after the 2015 holiday season.
- <u>Philip Street Housing Projects</u>: The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Philip Street Elderly Housing project is located at 1605 Philip Street. This property is managed by the Retirement Housing Foundation.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Water Main Installation</u>: Chair Lockwood noted that the BWS capital improvement program (CIP) report shows phase 2 installation of a 42-inch main on King Street from Victoria Street to Isenberg Street.
- 2. <u>Playground Update</u>: Zibakalam asked for an update on the closed playground at the end of University Avenue, near the Ala Wai Canal and Kubo noted that equipment installation and repairs should be completed by December 2015.
- 3. <u>Broken Water Fountains</u>: Resident Joel reported three (3) broken water fountains at Ala Wai Park and broken fountains near the restrooms at Kapiolani Community College.

<u>Board of Water Supply (BWS)</u>: Chair Lockwood announced that Dean Seki would be BWS' new representative to the Board. Chair Lockwood read a written report submitted by the BWS which contained the following information: <u>Watershed Management and Protection</u>: Stay on hiking trails to prevent the destruction of native plants. Participate in projects that remove invasive plants. Conserve water every day, and all year to reduce the need to use ground water.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Kapiolani Avenue Project</u>: Nash asked for an update on the Kapiolani Avenue project. Chair Lockwood noted that he is anticipating the project to be completed by June 2016.

University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa: No representative was available; this item was deferred.

REPORT ON MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS:

 Neighborhood Commission: Chair Lockwood reported that he attended the Neighborhood Commission meetings on Monday, August 24, 2015 and Monday, September 28, 2015. Topics discussed included holding the Conference of Chairs meeting in March or April 2016, and adding a parliamentarian and historian. The Neighborhood Commission will recess in October 2015.

- Neighborhood Security Watch: Chair Lockwood reported that at the Neighborhood Security Watch on Tuesday August 25, 2015 focused on home break-ins and the homeless. District 1 and District 7 has community policing teams.
- Homeless and Housing Working Group: Manutai noted that there was a presentation from Na Hale O Maui, a community land trust, nonprofit organization helping to create and keep affordable housing for Maui's residents. Tomita noted that at this meeting, there was also a presentation by Dr. Michael Christopher about homeless individuals with mental health issues. Residents who see individuals showing signs of mental instability may call Dr. Christopher at 723-7743 or contact HPD. The Institute for Human Services (IHS) is accepting applications for housing and may be contacted at 447-2900.
- <u>Parks Committee Organization</u>: Edwards noted that the Parks and Gardens Committee is seeking community participation.
- <u>Future Bikeway Projects</u>: Edwards and Lockwood noted their attendance at the Future Bikeway Projects at the Neal Blaisdell Center on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Officials were present to share future plans for bikeways and to hear residents' concerns. Overall, the presentation noted the success of the King Street Cycle Track. Agbannawag asked and Edwards noted that that the 20 lanes by 2020 plan is currently in the planning stage, and a lane is being planned for South Street.
- Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) 46 kV Line: Chair Lockwood reported that he attended a HECO meeting and noted the following: The 46 kV line will run from Hihiwai substation, turn left at University Avenue by Ala Wai School, and go under the canal, connecting to Kaiolu Street substation in Waikiki. Once completed, old cables will be removed.
- Washington Middle School Community Council (WMSCC): The chess and math teams are continuously winning competition. The WNSCC meets the second Wednesday of each month, with the next meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.
- The Rail, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Bikes: Chair Lockwood reported on a presentation on TOD strategies on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The speakers included John White from Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), Harrison Rue from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), and Ryan Tam from Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART).
- <u>Ala Wai Canal Project</u>: Chair Lockwood reported there was a presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. More information can be found at www.alawaicanalproject.com.
- White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI): Chair Lockwood reported that this event was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015. Topics discussed included health care, sovereignty, the Thirty Meter Telescope, and Hawaii's funding for programs relating to citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia.

<u>RESIDENTS' CONCERNS</u>: <u>Mopeds and Freeway Off-Ramps</u>: Resident Takamura noted that he will submit written concerns relating to mopeds and freeway off ramps.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Les Ihara Jr.: Senator Ihara was present at a later time.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: James Larson circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- <u>Teachers Honored</u>: Amy Yonashiro and Erin Flynn were honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- Newsletter: The newsletter contains information on legislation tracking and proposed bills.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Healthcare Bill</u>: Vares noted his appreciation for Resolution 15-227, introduced by Councilmember Ozawa and Councilmember Kobayashi relating to TOD plans and amending the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) to preserve health care services.

Representative Della Au Belatti: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

Representative Isaac Choy: No representative was available; a written report was provided through email.

Representative Scott Nishimoto: Chelsea Okamoto circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Going Green Recycling Event: There will be a community clean-up on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Kaimuki High School parking lot.
- <u>Bills</u>: Contact Representative Nishimoto's office with suggestions for bills to be introduced in the upcoming legislative session.

Representative Scott Saiki: No representative was available; a written report was provided.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: Vares introduced himself as Senator Galuteria's legislative aide and distributed a newsletter.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: No representative was present at this time; no report was provided.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: Tom Heinrich circulated a written report and reported the following:

- <u>Acceptable Items for "Going Green"</u>: A flyer attached to the newsletter lists acceptable items for the previously mentioned "Going Green" recycling event.
- <u>The Ala Wai Canal Project Comment Period Deadline</u>: Written comments on the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement are being accepted. The postmarked deadline for the comments has been extended to Monday, November 9, 2015.
- <u>Gandhi Day</u>: There will be an event to honor Mahatma Gandhi near the Gandhi statue at the Honolulu Zoo on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. This day of remembrance was established by the State Legislature earlier this year.
- <u>Disaster Preparedness Workshop</u>: There will be a disaster preparedness workshop featuring Dennis Hwang, author of the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Disasters. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Manoa Elementary School cafeteria.
- <u>Free Document Shredding</u>: Residents may bring two (2) boxes of paper for free shredding on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at McKinley High School and Access Information Management Aiea Destruction Center.
- <u>Charter Commission</u>: There is discussion about an amendment which would limit concurrent service of a neighborhood commissioner on a neighborhood board.

PRESENTATIONS: There were no presentations at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>Public Interaction Group (PIG) on Moped Noise</u>: Chair Lockwood noted that letters regarding the moped and scooter noise town hall meeting will be sent to area public officials, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Transportation (DOT), HPD, and neighborhood board chairs. The meeting will be at Washington Middle School on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The media will be contacted.

<u>Parks Committee PIG</u>: Zibakalam moved and Manutai seconded that the McCully-Moʻiliʻili Neighborhood Board No. 8 form a Parks Committee PIG. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (Aye: Agbannawag, Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Manutai, Nash, Streitz, Tomita, Vares, Yamaguchi, and Zibakalam; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Manutai noted that at the September 2015 meeting, the members of the OMPO Citizen Action Committee (CAC) voted on a list of projects.

Sunshine Law Training: Chair Lockwood noted that all Board members completed Sunshine Law training.

<u>Tsunami Report</u>: Kondratovich noted that the City released information on Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zones (XTEZ). For more information, visit <u>www.honolulu.gov/dem</u>.

Mo'ili'ili Gardens: This item was deferred.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution on the South Beretania Street Repaving Project: Chair Lockwood read a proposed resolution on the South Beretania Street remediation project. A copy of the resolution may be found at the end of these minutes.

Kondratovich moved and Edwards seconded that the McCully-Moʻiliʻili Board adopt the resolution. The motion was ADOPTED 12-0-1, (Aye: Agbannawag, Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Manutai, Nash, Streitz, Tomita, Vares, Yamaguchi; Nay: None; Abstain: Zibakalam).

<u>58th Annual Lion's Club Parade</u>: Chair Lockwood announced the Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Several Board members noted their interest in participating as a Board.

<u>UH Manoa Urban Planning Class Meeting</u>: Streitz announced a meeting with the UH Manoa urban planning class on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Old Stadium Park. There is a tentative neighborhood walk-around scheduled for 4:30 p.m. This meeting will focus on ideas for park improvements. The community is welcomed to attend.

HOUSEKEEPING

Bulky Item Pickup: Bulky item pickup is the third (3rd) Monday of each month.

<u>Kapiolani Hospital Renovations</u>: There will be a meeting for phase three (3) of the Kapiolani Medical Center renovations project on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kapiolani Medical Center conference room.

Going Green Volunteers: Volunteers are welcomed for the previously mentioned "Going Green" event.

Kaneohe Bay Air Show: The Kaneohe Bay Air Show will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2016 and Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Wolf Tales: There will be a play about anti-bullying featuring around 60 to 80 students from Oahu on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The event is free for children under three (3).

<u>Veteran's Day</u>: There will be a ceremony for Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Waikiki Natatorium.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>August 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes</u>: **The August 6, 2015 minutes were ADOPTED as amended, 13-0-0 (Aye:** Agbannawag, Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Manutai, Nash, Streitz, Tomita, Vares, Yamaguchi, and Zibakalam; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None). Amendments: <u>Page 1</u>: Under "Board Member Absent," David Nash should be listed as absent.

Hearing no objections, Chair Lockwood took the agenda to Senator Les Ihara Jr.

<u>Senator Les Ihara, Jr.</u>: Senator Ihara gave an overview of current State and City laws and statutes and potential legislation relating to moped noise.

Streitz and Nash thanked Senator Ihara for his efforts on this issue. Senator Ihara noted that it is important that HPD discuss enforcement with the legislature and the community.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Chair Lockwood reported a remaining balance of \$450.96 and a total spending \$34.95 for September 2015. The report was filed.

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>: Chair Lockwood asked Board members to contact him if they are interested in becoming a member of previously established committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Lockwood announced the following: The next regular meeting of the McCully-Moʻiliʻili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Middle School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant I Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I;

Klement Kondratovich, Secretary

Reviewed and Finalized By: Ron Lockwood, Chair

South Beretania Street Remediation Project

WHEREAS, the South Beretania Street Remediation Project has been halted due to the discovery of pipeline not being at the proper depth for remediation work to continue; and

WHEREAS, the City and a consultant are working diligently to resolve this issue, the Board of Water Supply will be installing a new water line under South Beretania Street within the next six (6) to nine (9) years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the McCully – Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board #8 requests the City & County of Honolulu, through all the involved departments; including the Department of Planning & Permitting and Department of Transportation Services; delay this in-depth South Beretania Remediation Project and collaborate with the Board of Water Supply so that the water line project and the in-depth remediation project will take place at the same time thus lessening the impact on business and traffic on this major corridor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at this time, the City & County of Honolulu apply a two (2) or three (3) inch top coat of asphalt to South Beretania Street to eliminate the potholes and other impediments drivers face until such time as the water line project and the in-depth remediation project can be undertaken and completed, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution is sent electronically, or by other means, to the Mayor, Managing Director, Directors of Transportation Service and Planning & Permitting, the Board of Water Supply, all Council Members of the City & County of Honolulu and to the chairs of Neighborhood Boards – Ala Moana-Kaka'ako, Downtown and Makiki.

Introduced by: R. Lockwood 1 October 2015